

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

**JASON RAY HAMILTON,**

**Petitioner,**

**v.**

**STATE OF TENNESSEE,**

**Respondent.**

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**No. 3:10-mc-0045**

**Judge Echols**

**ORDER**

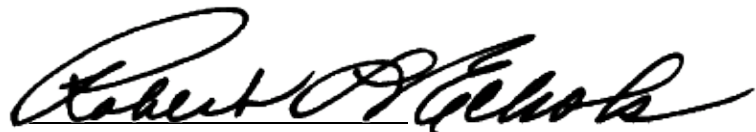
The Court has before it a *pro se* petition for a writ of *habeas corpus* brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The petitioner is a prisoner in the Riverbend Maximum Security Institution in Nashville, Tennessee.

The petitioner has not paid the five dollar (\$5.00) fee to file a petition for a writ of *habeas corpus* as required under 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Neither has he submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* in lieu thereof.

The petitioner is directed within thirty (30) days of the date of entry of this Order either to pay the \$5.00 filing fee, or submit an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The petitioner is forewarned that his petition will not be filed until he does one or the other.

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to return the file to the staff attorneys for initial review under Rule 4, Rules – Section 2254 Cases when the petitioner has complied with this Order.

It is so **ORDERED**.



Robert L. Echols  
United States District Judge